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There is little need of much comment on the difficulties with which the owners of the Paradise have to contend at the present. Everyone will readily see the results which will follow should this property close down for any length of time. That there is a possibility of avoiding so serious a blow to our chief industry will be regarded as a relief to those who have the progress and prosperity of the district at heart, and it is scarcely necessary to add that all will work to attain the desired end—the continuation of the Toly road to Spring creek basin.

To close down this property would work a hardship on every other property in the district and would effect the sale of other claims and the expenditure of more capital by the present owners, to say nothing of the effect it will have on business men generally and the ranchers.

If the Wilmer district is not a mining country it is nothing. Our farming and lumbering industries will amount to but little unless we have mines. Therefore, it stands as in hand to foster mining while it is in its infancy.

The Paradise has been our greatest ore-producer up to the present time and to a large extent the reputation of the district depends as to whether or not it is a mine. Upon the results of the Paradise and Red Line depends, at present, the rise or fall of the industry. Many men with capital to invest are watching these properties very closely, with a view to investing should they continue to prove profitable investments.

Any man who has met Mr. Fowler or knows him by reputation will not for a moment entertain the thought that he would say for publication the things printed on the first page unless there were strong reasons for it. Mr. Fowler says that in justice to his client he must advise the closing down of the property until the conditions for mining this low grade silver-lead ore is changed—conditions can be changed for the Paradise and it must be. In mining, as in all industries, there is a time when further expenditure is not warranted, and, according to Mr. Fowler, that time has arrived in the history of the Paradise.

We do not think at the present juncture the importance of the working of this property to the welfare of the district can be urged too strongly on the government and people.

It has been carefully estimated that with a wagon road up Spring creek to the basin the cost of transportation would be lessened by at least \$200 a ton, which would give just about that much profit. Thus, it is seen that it would take the profit of a great amount of ore to build a wagon road costing \$5000. It would be better to allow the ore to remain where it is until smelting was cheap, prices better or someone else built the road.

It has been the policy of the Legislature to build main trunk roads and it is maintained that this road will be for the benefit of not only the Paradise but all the properties up Spring creek and basin. Chief among which are the Summit, Paradise Fraction, Nick of Time, Well Done, Silver Belt and Silver Crown. The Silver Belt has already made a shipment of 15 tons of ore, which being high grade netted \$1450, while the 1000 tons from the Paradise was a small loss. Then, it is not a road that will benefit only one property, but many. The other claims mentioned above, especially the Belt, should be working now and when this road is built the owners will no doubt very quickly take advantage of it.

Mr. Fowler and Manager Bruce state that if the Government can be persuaded to appropriate a sum sufficient to cover one-half the cost of the road the work will be started at once and they will advance the money and wait a year if necessary, besides paying the other half.

Then the construction of this road depends the employment of 20 men, the employment of men and teams in hauling the ore to the river, the running of a 1,000-foot tunnel and proof of the depth of the ore.

It would be a great mistake not to encourage Mr. Hammond, the principal owner of the Paradise, to carry on operations. For more than 12 years he has been deeply interested in this district and now, when he has about \$100,000 invested and there is a chance for him to make a return, every assistance should be rendered.

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And further take notice that action under section 37, of the Act, will be taken to secure the possession of said certificate of improvements.

Dated the 24th day of October, 1901.

Alfred Mineral Claim.

Notice in the Windermere Mining Division of North East Kootenay District, B. C., dated July 1st, 1902.

Take notice that I, James S. Johnson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 41002, for myself and acting as agent for myself and R. Randolph Brown, Free Miner's Certificate No. 41002, and J. A. Stoddard, Free Miner's Certificate No. 41002, intend to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvement for the purpose of obtaining a lease of the above claims.

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Although a new town Wilmer has made remarkable progress. Among its institutions may be mentioned the court house at which every court in the district is held periodically, a public school, a hospital supported by the district, postal money order office, newspaper, theatre, prominent hotel, auction, drug store, general store, car mall, livery stable, hotels, etc. The Presbyterian and Roman Catholic denominations are represented. It is the headquarters from which the Paradise and Red Line mines are operated.

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